

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage-unit;

a player that successively plays the video according to the control information;

a program executor that interprets and executes the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage-unit;

an image selector that selects at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered based on a specified location that is a location, on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video currently being played, which is specified based on ~~included in~~ the control information and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage-unit; and

a renderer that renders the selected at least one image during playback of the video.

2. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A playback method, in a playback apparatus comprising a storage-unit, for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream, the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, comprising:

successively playing the video according to the control information;

interpreting and executing the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage-unit;

selecting at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered based on a specified location that is a location, on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video currently being played, which is specified based on ~~included in~~ the control information, and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage-unit; and

rendering the selected at least one image during playback of the video.